

Communication from Public

Name: D.S. Galvan
Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 08:04 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our priorities are clear: the City must increase the proposed spay/neuter funding by at least \$1 million. This investment would support 10,000–13,000 additional surgeries annually and is one of the only real solutions to the shelter overcrowding crisis. Without expanded spay/neuter access: Shelter overcrowding will worsen Roaming and abandoned animal populations will continue to grow Intake pressure on already overwhelmed shelters will increase At the same time, the City must RESTORE the slashed funding for: Animal Food budget: Increase from the proposed \$0 to \$200,000 Medical Supplies funding: Increase from the proposed \$48,968 to \$388,591 Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) Restore \$1.53 Million for the final year of the contract. The program is one of the only ways shelter dogs get enrichment and structured time out of kennels. Food, medicine, and humane care are not optional budget line items, they are the bare minimum required to meet the City’s legal and statutory obligations to animals in its custody. Denying shelter animals adequate food, medical treatment, and basic enrichment during an overcrowding crisis is inhumane and unacceptable. “The shelter overcrowding crisis is not a mystery, it is a policy failure. Year after year, City leaders allow conditions to worsen by underfunding LA Animal Services and neglecting proven solutions like spay and neuter,” said Dr. Gary Michelson, founder and co-chair of Michelson Philanthropies & Michelson Center for Public Policy. “The Los Angeles Police Department’s Animal Cruelty Task Force was created in 2005, but defunded in 2021. Since then, animal abuse crimes have too often been committed in plain sight with little fear of consequences. Animal cruelty is not an isolated issue, it is well documented to be linked to domestic violence, child abuse, and other violent crimes against people. It is beyond past due for the City to restore this critical unit. The proposed budget already includes more than 500 new LAPD positions, and we are urging Los Angeles to dedicate positions to reestablishing a dedicated Animal Cruelty Task Force. Protecting animals from torture and abuse must once again be treated as a serious public safety priority,” said Judie Mancuso, Founder and President of Social Compassion in Legislation.

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Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 09:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the Los Angeles City Council to fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at its requested level of \$31.8 million for 2026 - 27. I ask you to restore funding for dog and cat food, medical supplies, spay/neuter vouchers, and the Dogs Playing For Life program, and to approve the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. These investments protect animals and our communities. Please do the right thing

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Name: Robert

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Families are opting out of Los Angeles. The city needs to focus on making Los Angeles viable and desirable for young families. Maintaining and cleaning city streets and sidewalks so that people feel safe walking. Maintaining city parks cleaned and free of homeless encampments. Here in Boyle heights the city is building new parks, but the 6th Street bridge, but struggles to provide cleaning and maintenance of existing parks. Not to mention the Benjamin Franklin library has now been closed for 6 years. City Services to be refocused on serving the families that live here and want LA to be home. The region is already seeing families move out to more affordable region both in state and out. LAUSD continues to see declining enrollment. For those that continue here, despite its high cost, there should be a value proposition, "Yes its expensive but Los Angeles provides top tier services and amenities". Or the city risk a death spiral as families move out schools get smaller, the sense of community is reduced.

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Name: Elizabeth Sanger

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm deeply concerned with the current proposed city budget, which effectively defunds critical lifesaving measures for animals in LA shelters. Instead of the current proposed budget, the city should increase the proposed spay/neuter allocation by no less than \$1 million. That level of funding would make it possible to provide an additional 10,000–13,000 surgeries each year and represents one of the few meaningful strategies for addressing the ongoing shelter overcrowding emergency. Animal food funding must be restored from the proposed \$0 to \$200,000. Medical supplies funding must increase by at least \$300,00. Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) must be restored. Adequate food, medical care, and humane enrichment are not luxuries or optional expenditures. They are the minimum standard required to fulfill the City's legal and ethical responsibilities to animals in its care. Withholding these basic necessities from shelter animals during a severe overcrowding crisis is both inhumane and indefensible.

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Name: Kim Santell

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Name: Monica Levin

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Name: Pamela Williams

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Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly support full (restorative and more) funding for LA's shelter animal system. LA's shelter system has an abominable — and unfortunately well deserved — reputation for substandard care, low adoptions, sky-high euthanasias, inconsistent cooperation and sometimes hostility toward rescue partners. There are many, many problems with the system and many people begging for reforms. That needs to happen, but in the meantime operations must be funded such that these animals receive truly compassionate care. Failing to do so penalizes those totally at our mercy and shifts the financial burden to those members of the public who do their best to help. I know that the Council has very difficult decisions to make, but failing to adequately fund the shelter system harms the public good by reinforcing the general indifference and violence that afflicts this city. Please, please show you care.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Sepulveda

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Communication from Public

Name: Regina O'Melveny

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Comments for Public Posting: Please fund the budget for food, medical supplies, spay/neuter vouchers as well as supporting the offered partnership with the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society. These funds are vital for the well-being of the animals. Thank you for your consideration.